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MEMORANDUM FOR SCHWEINFURT MILITARY COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault

1. Rape and other forms of sexual assault are violent crimes that have no place in the Army or in this community. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army values and with accepted standards of professionalism and discipline. It does not reflect well on us as guests of our host nation. This type of crime is especially prone to have a lasting effect on the victim whether they are Soldier, family member, or civilian. I will not tolerate sexual assault disrupting the good order and discipline of the Schweinfurt community.

2. Leaders have important responsibilities to ensure the safe and healthful environment of those in their charge. They must take strong action to prevent sexual assault. I am particularly concerned with ensuring the safety of new Soldiers arriving in Schweinfurt. These young men and women, fresh from the structured environment of AIT, are especially vulnerable to falling victim to Soldiers awaiting disciplinary action. I expect Army leaders in Schweinfurt to maintain safe, secure barracks for their Soldiers - monitored by a CQ (an NCO representing the chain of command 24/7 in the barracks).

3. In the event a sexual assault does occur, leaders must take prompt action to determine the facts of the matter while preserving the dignity and privacy of the victim. Compassion and resolution have equal importance in dealing with these circumstances. I will hold offenders accountable and will take all appropriate administrative and judicial actions.

4. Community members also have responsibilities to themselves and their peers. Statistics show most cases of sexual assault include one or more of the following factors:

- Occur in unlocked barracks or Government quarters
- Involve alcohol
- Occur between 0100 and 0500 on Fridays and Saturdays.

In half of the cases the victim knows the alleged offender. These are "red-flag" situations to avoid - please do not place yourself at risk.